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Dear John:

My thanks for your memorandum of April 27, 1983. I appreciate your comments concerning the cooperative spirit which currently exists between the Enforcement Community and the Intelligence Community. (U)

As you noted in your memo, we are presently reviewing our overall intelligence structure. A part of this review includes the report recently completed by which emphasized the need for reinforcing and standardizing the analytical and operational relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency. presence at Customs and subsequent report is largely as a result of your intervention on our behalf and I am sincerely greatful for your assistance (C).

As we move to develop a routine and integrated mechanism to ensure the timely exchange of intelligence data to our mutual benefit, we would once again seek your assistance in the identification and recruitment of experienced analysts to assist us in our efforts. I have recently authorized an increase of sixty-six positions to shore up our servicewide intelligence capability with particular emphasis on data of immediate tactical use in drug interdiction. Among these positions it is my intention to acquire for this Service the talents of a limited number of experienced reports officers who can recognize and extract data of interest to the Intelligence Community from Customs reporting. (C)

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I look forward to your continued support of our efforts in the development of a viable and responsive intelligence program. Be assured that your assistance will be put to good use as Customs expands its contribution to the U.S. intelligence effort. (U)

Yours sincerely,

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